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MUFG Secures Universal Banking License in the Philippines

Manila, 11 September 2026 – MUFG Bank, Ltd. Manila Branch ("MUFG Manila") has received approval from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to operate as a Universal Bank in the Philippines.

The approval marks a significant step in MUFG Manila's growth in the country and reinforces its long-standing commitment to supporting the Philippine financial system and economic development. It also reflects the branch's strong financial position, robust governance framework and consistent adherence to regulatory standards.

Masami Yoshitake, Managing Director and Country Head of the Philippines, MUFG Manila, said: "Securing our Universal Banking License is not only a regulatory milestone, but also a testament to MUFG's enduring commitment to the Philippines. With this license, we can bring the full breadth of MUFG's global expertise to support local clients, foster innovation in financial solutions and contribute meaningfully to the country's sustainable growth journey."

MUFG Manila gained its commercial banking status in 1995, and has since strengthened its capabilities and broadened its range of financial solutions for corporates, financial institutions and other stakeholders. Over the decades, MUFG has played a vital role in supporting the Philippines' economic development. Today, it serves as a trusted financial partner to many Japanese companies operating in the country, while also providing comprehensive banking services to prominent local corporates and conglomerates.

Marie Diana Lynn Singson, Managing Director and Deputy Country Head of the Philippines, MUFG Manila, added: "With the Universal Banking License, we are better equipped to deliver comprehensive solutions that address the evolving needs of corporates and institutions. Our expanded capabilities will allow us to provide deeper engagement, innovative financing structures and long-term support to help our clients achieve their growth ambitions."

MUFG has long maintained a strategic presence in the Philippines, anchored by its partnership with Security Bank Corporation and active participation in initiatives that strengthen the nation's digital and financial ecosystems. As it enters this new chapter, MUFG Manila remains committed to working closely with regulators and stakeholders to ensure its expanded operations uphold the highest standards of integrity and excellence.

MUFG Bank Manila management formally receives the Certificate of Authority from BSP officials, recognising the branch’s upgraded status as a Universal Bank.

Photo courtesy of BSP (From left to right):
Diane Singson, Deputy Country Head, MUFG Manila Branch
Lyn Javier, BSP Deputy Governor
Eli Remolona, BSP Governor
Masami Yoshitake, Country Head, MUFG Manila Branch
Kenjiro Horikawa, Deputy Country Head, MUFG Manila Branch

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About MUFG

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) is one of the world's leading financial groups. Headquartered in Tokyo and with over 360 years of history, MUFG has a global network with approximately 2,000 locations in more than 40 markets. The Group has about 150,000 employees and offers services including commercial banking, trust banking, securities, credit cards, consumer finance, asset management, and leasing.

The Group aims to "be the world's most trusted financial group" through close collaboration among our operating companies and flexibly respond to all of the financial needs of our customers, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world. MUFG's shares trade on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and New York stock exchanges.

MUFG Bank, Ltd. is Japan's premier bank, with a global network spanning more than 40 markets. Outside of Japan, the bank offers an extensive scope of commercial and investment banking products and services to businesses, governments and individuals worldwide.

In Asia Pacific, MUFG has a presence across 18 markets – Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

It has also formed strategic partnerships with some of the most prominent banks in South-east Asia, further augmenting its unrivalled network across the region – VietinBank in Vietnam, Krungsri in Thailand, Security Bank in the Philippines and Bank Danamon in Indonesia.

Under the Group's current three-year Medium Term Business Plan ending FY2026, MUFG is dynamically pursuing opportunities to expand and invest in Asia's growth. This will be guided by an unrelenting focus on capturing recurring revenue opportunities; challenging ourselves in new domains; capitalising on the growth of key markets like India, cultivating an Asian digital strategy while consolidating and concentrating on core competencies.

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